

Governor's office in Arkansas to the U.S. Congress, he has served our country from the bottom of his heart and in the best possible way. His retirement from the Senate will be a loss felt by us all.

I know I can continue to count on David's exceptional counsel, both as a valued adviser and a trusted friend. I look forward to his continued active involvement in the business of our Nation.

**Proclamation 6789—National Day of Mourning in Memory of Those Who Died in Oklahoma City**  
*April 21, 1995*

*By the President of the United States of America*

**A Proclamation**

As we seek justice for the evil done in Oklahoma City on April 19, 1995, good and decent people everywhere mourn the loss of innocents. Our sons and daughters, parents and friends were stolen from us. Their families can never replace the gift of their laughter. Our Nation can never replace the spirit of their character. But even as we grieve, we resolve today in solemn promise that those on earth shall never be bowed by murderous cowards. This sin against humanity shall not go unpunished.

It has been said that, "In every child who is born, the potentiality of the whole human race is born again." We lost unimaginable potential this past week. And we will miss our loved ones dearly. But the children who died in this violence may yet lift up humanity. We do them no greater honor than by taking from their deaths the memory of their hopes, by carrying with us always their dreams, their kind and trusting ways. We redeem the value of their lives no further than by heeding the voices of children everywhere, who ask simply and invariably for peace and love.

We take comfort in knowing that all who perished are in God's hands.

**Now, Therefore, I, William J. Clinton,** President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, do hereby appoint Sunday, April 23, 1995, as a National Day of Mourning throughout the United States. I ask the American people assembled on that day in

their homes and places of worship to pay homage to the memory of those lost in the Oklahoma City tragedy and to pray for them and their community. I invite all those around the world who share our grief to join us in this solemn observance.

**In Witness Whereof,** I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-first day of April, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-five, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and nineteenth.

**William J. Clinton**

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**Proclamation 6790—National Volunteer Week, 1995**  
*April 21, 1995*

*By the President of the United States of America*

**A Proclamation**

Our ancestors built this Nation on the spirit of independence and the strength of community. Yesterday's Americans came together to raise a barn, till a farm, or teach a child to write. They came together to care for one another and to lift up their neighbors in need. For rich and poor, old and young, giving their talents to benefit the community was the most fundamental responsibility of American citizenship.

Through the years, this basic ideal has endured. Service remains the noblest quality of the American character. Our people still come together to build a house, plant a garden, or tutor a child. Elementary school students help older Americans in their daily lives. Seniors help struggling teenagers stay out of trouble. Countless dedicated citizens claim our country's challenges as their own. Their service sets a powerful example of leadership and compassion for each of us to follow.

As a partner in progress, government can expand and strengthen this great American legacy. AmeriCorps, the Senior Corps, and Learn and Serve America now provide service opportunities for more than a million of our citizens. These initiatives enable us to

keep faith with the covenant of citizenship. This week, we celebrate the tens of millions of volunteers who give their time, their energy, and their hearts to making our world a better place.

We are indeed fortunate that, even as we face difficult problems in our streets, schools, homes, and communities, citizens are volunteering to help one another in numerous ways. Some spend a few hours every week. Others give entire days—even years—of their lives to service. Each makes a lasting contribution to the substance and the spirit of community in America. And each helps lead us into an ever brighter future.

**Now, Therefore, I, William J. Clinton,** President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim April 23 through April 29, 1995, as “National Volunteer Week.” I call upon all Americans to observe this week with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities in expression of their commitment.

**In Witness Whereof,** I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-first day of April, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-five, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and nineteenth.

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### **Digest of Other White House Announcements**

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The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

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#### **April 16**

In the evening, the President and Hillary and Chelsea Clinton returned from a week-end stay at Camp David, MD.

#### **April 18**

The President announced his intention to nominate Ira S. Shapiro for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Senior Counsel and Negotiator in the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative.

#### **April 19**

The President announced his intention to appoint Art Trujillo and Rick Reyes as members of the Advisory Council of the Border Environment Cooperation Commission established under the North American Free Trade Agreement.

#### **April 20**

The President announced his intention to nominate Larry C. Napper, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador to Latvia.

The President announced his intention to nominate Lawrence Palmer Taylor, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador to Estonia.

The President announced his intention to nominate Peter Tomsen, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador to Armenia.

The President announced his intention to nominate Jenonne Walker to be Ambassador to the Czech Republic.

The President announced his intention to nominate R. Grant Smith, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador to Tajikistan.

The President announced the appointment of Panamanian citizens Fernando Cardoze, Moises Mizrachi, Emmanuel Gonzales Revilla, and Jorge Ritter as members of the Board of the Panama Canal Commission.

#### **April 21**

In the morning, the President traveled to Havre de Grace, MD. Following his arrival, he met with individuals at the Duck Decoy Museum who are working to protect the environment.

In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC.

The White House announced that the President met with U.S. Ambassador to Burundi Robert Krueger.